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Letter dated 2 May 2006 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Working Group of the Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005).

The Working Group adopted its terms of reference (see annex) at its third meeting on 2 May 2006.

I should be grateful if you would have this text issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jean-Marc **de la Sablière**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Terms of reference of the Working Group of the Security Council on children and armed conflict

I. Title

The Working Group established pursuant to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) of 26 July 2005 will be known as the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict.

II. Composition

The Working Group should consist of all members of the Security Council.

III. Chairmanship

The Chairman of the Working Group is designated by members of the Security Council.

IV. Secretariat and interpretation

The secretariat of the Working Group is provided by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations will be provided for all meetings of the Working Group.

V. Meetings of the Working Group

Formal meetings will be held at least every two months.

The Working Group may hold urgent and/or informal meetings at the request of the Chairman or a member of the Working Group.

Five working days notice will be given for any meeting of the Working Group, although shorter notice may be given in urgent situations.

The Working Group will meet in closed sessions. The Working Group may invite any Member of the United Nations to participate in the discussion of any question brought before the Working Group, in particular when a Member is specifically concerned. The Working Group may invite members of the Secretariat or other persons, whom it considers competent for the purpose, to supply it with appropriate expertise or information or to give it other assistance in examining matters within its competence.

VI. Mandate

The Working Group shall conduct its work in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1612 (2005).

The Working Group shall:

(a) Review the reports of the monitoring and reporting mechanism referred to in paragraph 3 of resolution 1612 (2005);

(b) Review progress in the development and implementation of the action plans mentioned in paragraph 5 (a) of resolution 1539 (2004) and paragraph 7 of resolution 1612 (2005);

(c) Consider other relevant information presented to it.

The Working Group shall also:

(d) Make recommendations to the Council on possible measures to promote the protection of children affected by armed conflict, including through recommendations on appropriate mandates for peacekeeping missions and recommendations with respect to parties to the conflict;

(e) Address requests, as appropriate, to other bodies within the United Nations system for action to support implementation of Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) in accordance with their respective mandates.

The Working Group will examine information on compliance and progress in ending the recruitment and use of children and other violations being committed against children in situations of armed conflict on the agenda of the Security Council and in situations of armed conflict not on the agenda of the Security Council mentioned in annex II to the report of the Secretary-General (S/2005/72). The discussion on the latter situations shall be done in close consultation with countries concerned. The Working Group will review this arrangement one year after the adoption of its terms of reference. The consideration of any information by the Working Group shall not prejudge or imply a recommendation as to whether or not to include a situation on the agenda of the Security Council.

The recommendations of the Working Group to the Security Council do not prejudge of the Council's decisions thereon.

VII. Methods of work

Decisions will be taken by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached on a particular issue, the Chairman should undertake such further consultations as may facilitate agreement.

Where the Working Group agrees, decision may be taken by a written silence procedure. In such cases the Chairman will circulate to all members of the Working Group the proposed decision of the Working Group, and will request members of the Working Group to indicate any objection they may have to the proposed decision within five working days (or in urgent situations, such shorter period as the Chairman shall determine). If no objection is received within such a period, the decision will be deemed adopted.

The Chairman of the Working Group will report to the Council whenever appropriate, either orally or in writing. He will submit a written report at least once a year.

The Security Council will conduct a review of the work of the Working Group against its mandate once a year.

In order to enhance the transparency of the work of the Working Group, the Chairman will brief interested Member States and the press following formal meetings of the Working Group, unless the Working Group decides otherwise. In addition, the Chairman will be authorized, after prior consultations with and approval of the Working Group, to hold press conferences or issue press releases on the Working Group's work.

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Letter dated 4 May 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

Annexed hereto is the nineteenth work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which covers the months from April to June 2006 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed in conformity with the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1566 (2004) and 1624 (2005).

The Committee will continue to monitor Member States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, equal treatment and consistency in approach. The Committee will remain focused on promoting States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and taking practical measures designed to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States. Also, the Committee will take steps to encourage States' implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes the support it has received from Member States, the Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the contribution of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ellen Margrethe **Løj**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (1 April-30 June 2006)

Introduction

1. In December 2005, the Security Council undertook the comprehensive review of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate required by resolution 1535 (2004). The Council endorsed the Counter-Terrorism Committee's review report (S/2005/800), which gave guidance for the work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate in the future. The present work programme builds on the guidance provided in that report. The Committee's goal is to build on the initiatives taken in the first quarter of 2006 in order to enhance the achievement of concrete results in the following three areas during the second quarter of 2006:

- The Committee will begin applying its decisions regarding the revision of the reporting regime to the Committee
- The Committee will enhance dialogue with Member States which have indicated needs for assistance to implement resolution 1373 (2001)
- The Committee will seek to deepen its relations with international, regional and subregional organizations.

2. As also reiterated in the comprehensive review report, the guiding principles of the work of the Committee are cooperation, transparency and even-handedness, as well as consistency in approach.

3. In order to enhance transparency and dialogue with the broader membership of the United Nations, the Chairman will hold regular informal briefings for Member States on the work of the Committee.

4. The Committee will be assisted in its implementation of the present work programme by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate through implementation in turn of the Executive Directorate's fourth work programme (see appendix).

5. The Committee looks forward to receiving the Executive Director's third semi-annual report on how the Executive Directorate, on the basis of the policy guidance from the Committee, assists the Committee in fulfilling the goals of the revitalization process as spelled out in document S/2004/124, and how the Executive Directorate's work has enhanced States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

Monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

6. The Committee's recent adoption of the new preliminary implementation assessment will allow it to monitor States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) in a more comprehensive, systematic and transparent manner and will allow the Committee to develop an approach better tailored to the situation in different States. The Committee's goal is to identify the most appropriate means for enhancing States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), including possibly sending letters,

paying visits to States with their consent, engaging with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, etc. During the second quarter of 2006, the Committee looks forward to applying these new tools and using them in its dialogue with States about how to enhance their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). The Executive Directorate will prepare some 100 such preliminary implementation assessments for discussion in the Committee during the time covered by this work programme.

7. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will also start reflecting on additional means to address the case of States which do not meet the requirements of resolution 1373 (2001).

8. The Committee will continue and seek to conclude its discussions, in cooperation with the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1540 (2004), on proposals to the Security Council on ways to address the recommendation in the 2005 World Summit Outcome that States' reporting to the three Committees be consolidated.

9. The Committee will take stock of States late in submitting reports to it and discuss how best to address the issue, including through the use of the new tools mentioned in paragraphs 6 and 8 above.

10. The Committee will continue to take into account in the course of its activities that States must ensure that any measure taken to combat terrorism complies with all their obligations under international law and that they should adopt such measures in accordance with international law, in particular human rights law, refugee law and humanitarian law.

11. The Committee will strengthen efforts to limit terrorists' mobility, within the framework of resolution 1373 (2001), beginning with a thematic discussion of the topic and including by inviting relevant guest speakers or convening a small workshop bringing together experts from all of the relevant technical international organizations, e.g., the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the World Customs Organization, the International Organization for Migration and Interpol. Such discussions will focus on issues not currently covered by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and its Monitoring Team, with an eye to eliminating duplication of effort.

Continuing effective capacity-building work

12. The Committee looks forward to regular updates from the Executive Directorate on results, in the form of improved implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), from its implementation of the technical assistance implementation plan.

13. The Committee will continue its discussions on how to ensure that visits to States upon their consent lead to enhancing the States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee recalls that, under the terms of resolution 1535 (2004), the purpose of these visits is to provide an opportunity to engage in a detailed discussion to monitor implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). The goal is to offer further analysis to States that are already engaged in the fight against terrorism and in the process of implementing resolution 1373 (2001) and, if necessary, facilitate assistance to further States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). Before the visits take place, the Committee will discuss, based on proposals from the Counter-

Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, a set of terms of reference for the visits, a proposed team composition, and the proposed duration of each visit. The Committee would welcome enhanced cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Action Group in regard to visits to Member States.

14. The Committee looks forward to receiving regular updates from the Executive Directorate on follow-up to visits that have already taken place.

15. If time allows, the Committee will begin preparations of an informal meeting with potential donors/assistance providers, including States that traditionally have not provided such assistance but have developed expertise that they could share with other States.

16. The Committee will continue its discussion on how to enhance cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations. The Committee would also welcome proposals from the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate that focus on the convening of regional practitioners' workshops that bring together experts from a particular region, in cooperation with the relevant regional organization, to exchange lessons learned and other information regarding a particular area of implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

17. During the second quarter of 2006, the Chairman of the Committee will participate in several meetings with a regional counter-terrorism focus in order to discuss how the Committee can best work with States, and where appropriate with regional organizations, to enhance their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). Among other things, the Chairman's discussions will focus on how the Committee, through its facilitation of assistance, can assist States in getting the technical assistance they need to fully implement resolution 1373 (2001).

18. On the basis of a proposal from the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, the Committee will decide on and take steps to prepare its next special meeting. The goal is to arrange a more result-oriented meeting with a view to supporting the work of organizations involved in the fight against terrorism.

19. The Committee will continue its considerations on how to develop best practices in areas of relevance to resolution 1373 (2001).

The Committee's role regarding resolution 1624 (2005)

20. The Committee will take steps to encourage more States to report on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005). Also, the Committee will begin its consideration of States' reports on this matter and initiate preparation of its report to the Security Council on the matter.

Appendix

Letter dated 1 May 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 15 (f) of document S/2004/124, in which the Counter-Terrorism Committee has requested the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate to submit, through the Secretary-General, the programme of work of the Executive Directorate to the plenary.

I should be grateful if you would bring the attached programme of work to the attention of the members of the Committee (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

Enclosure

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (1 April to 30 June 2006)

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for its fourth 90-day period, 1 April to 30 June 2006. It was prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124) and takes into account the additional tasks assigned to the Executive Directorate in the Committee's review report (S/2005/800) and the Committee's work programme for its nineteenth 90-day period. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in achieving concrete results in the three areas defined in its work programme and will respond to any additional requests made during the reporting period.

Monitoring implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

2. On an ongoing basis, the Executive Directorate will prepare for the Committee's review analyses of new reports received from Member States, focusing on links between specific elements of the resolution and actions taken or to be taken by States. The Executive Directorate will also continue to prepare, on the basis of Member States' reports, monthly analyses of specific subregional or regional issues.

3. The Executive Directorate will prepare approximately 100 new preliminary implementation assessments as a basis for identifying the most appropriate means for enhancing States' implementation of the resolution through the application of new tools in the Committee's dialogue with Member States.

4. The Executive Directorate will continue to coordinate with the experts of the Monitoring Team established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1526 (2004) and of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) in order to maximize synergies and avoid duplication and overlap, especially with respect to technical assistance.

Continuing effective capacity-building work

5. The Executive Directorate will continue to work in accordance with the technical assistance implementation plan approved by the Committee and will provide an update on the progress achieved during the period covered by the present work programme in June 2006.

6. In close cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, the Executive Directorate will continue preparations for the visits to Member States that have already been approved by the Committee and will enhance its cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Action Group in the context of the Committee's visits.

7. In June 2006, the Executive Directorate will update the Committee on follow-up to its previous visits to Member States.

8. The Executive Directorate will continue to work on the development of best practices in accordance with the action plan approved by the Committee and will provide a progress report in June 2006.

Cooperation with donors: States and international, regional and subregional organizations

9. The Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee for its consideration an updated draft action plan on cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations.

10. At the request of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will also prepare:

- Proposals for the organization of an informal meeting with potential donors and assistance providers, including States that traditionally have not provided such assistance but have developed expertise that they would be prepared to share with other States
- An options paper on a more results-oriented special meeting of the Committee that would focus on enhancing dialogue with and among specialized organizations and agencies and would include proposals for the possible convening of regional practitioners' workshops in order to exchange lessons learned and other information regarding a particular area of implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

Implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005)

11. The Executive Directorate will advise the Committee on ways of considering Member States' reports on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

Administrative activities

12. The Executive Directorate will implement the General Assembly's decision on special political missions, specifically with respect to the Executive Directorate's budget for 2006.

13. The Executive Directorate will complete implementation of the two remaining recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services stemming from the management audit of 3 November 2005, including by updating the directory of assistance on the Committee's website.

14. The Executive Directorate will continue to build its current database, including secure components for storing sensitive or restricted information, and will take steps to ensure a smooth transition to the Enterprise Content Management database system as it becomes the standard database platform for the Secretariat.

15. The Executive Directorate will complete the Performance Appraisal System for the period ending March 2006 and will initiate the next annual cycle in April 2006.

16. The Executive Directorate will implement additional physical security measures with the approval of the Department of Security and Safety and in conformity with the recommendations made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

Other activities

17. The Executive Directorate will continue to participate in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force established by the Secretary-General.

18. The Executive Directorate will prepare and submit to the Committee, through the Secretary-General, a semi-annual comprehensive report on how it helps the Committee, with the latter's policy guidance, to achieve the goals of the revitalization process set forth in document S/2004/124 and how its work has enhanced States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

19. The Executive Director will continue to inform the Committee about his work on a monthly basis and will provide updates on Member States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) with a view to adequate follow-up on progress in the global counter-terrorism effort.

20. The Executive Directorate will continue to ensure follow-up to the Committee's decisions, monitor their implementation and evaluate the results thereof.

21. The Executive Directorate will continue to work on the communications strategy implementation plan approved by the Committee and will report in June 2006 on progress in meeting the expected goals and implementing any additional performance outcomes during the period covered by this work programme. In particular, the Executive Directorate will take steps to complete deployment of the Committee's official website in the six official languages, with a focus on Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic.

22. The Executive Directorate will help promote the participation of the Committee's Chair in several meetings with a regional counter-terrorism focus that are intended to enhance States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), with the assistance of regional or subregional organizations as appropriate.

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Identical letters dated 4 May 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a detailed statistical table showing the Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty which occurred during April 2006, i.e., a total of 51 violations (see annex).

These violations are in contravention of the relevant Security Council resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 1655 (2006), and go against your repeated calls for their cessation, most recently in your report of 18 January 2006 (S/2006/26). Lebanon counts on the United Nations to compel Israel to desist from those violations, which constitute a threat to international peace and security, and holds Israel responsible for any consequences to which those acts may give rise.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Caroline **Ziadeh**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 4 May 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Statistical table showing Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty during April 2006

Air violations				*Sea violations*	*Land violations*			*Total violations*
					Military acts of aggression	*Field violations*	*Breaches*	
Military jet	Reconnaissance	Helicopter	Total	Crossing of territorial waters, artillery fire and shooting of flares and firebombs over territorial waters	Air raids, artillery shelling, shelling of military positions and important posts, attacks on and killing of civilians	Gunfire, launching of firebombs, dropping of artillery missiles, infiltration and crossing of international borders	Threats and displaying of weapons, bulldozing of soil, placing of barbed wire and setting up of installations inside Lebanese territory	-
8	9	4	21	11	-	12	7	51